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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jeng H. Hwang et al.

§ GROUP ART UNIT - 1756

SERIAL NO.: 10/057,674

§ EXAMINER: N. Barreca

FILED: January 24, 2002

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FOR: MASKING METHODS AND ETCHING SEQUENCES
FOR PATTERNING ELECTRODES
OF HIGH DENSITY RAM CAPACITORS

§ Attorney Docket No.:
§ AM-2602.Y1

Date: March 18, 2004

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicants' Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114. This Request for Continued Examination is being submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response of January 3, 2004, and to the Advisory Action mailed January 6, 2004. This Request for Continued Examination is accompanied by a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, in order to extend the period for response through April 5, 2004.

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Date: March 18, 2004

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	<u>CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT</u>		<u>INCLUDED WITH BASIC FEE</u>		<u>PRESENT EXTRA</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL FEE</u>	
TOTAL CLAIMS	28	minus	20		8	x	\$ 18.00	\$ 144.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5	minus	3		2	x	\$ 86.00	\$ 172.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if first presented)			0				\$ 290.00	\$ 0.00
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION FEE								\$ 770.00
THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME								\$ 950.00
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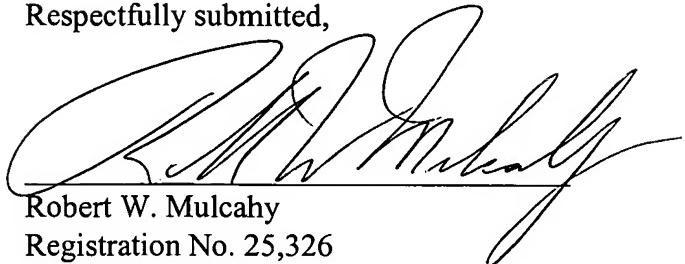
Also submitted herewith is applicants' Amendment "D", in response to the final Office Action mailed October 3, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$ 2,036.00, in payment of the fee of \$ 770.00 under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) for filing of a Request for Continued Examination, the fee of \$ 950.00 for a three month extension of time, and the fee of \$ 316.00 for additional claims, as well as any additional fees which may be due, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-1074 of Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, California.

This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate for accounting purposes.

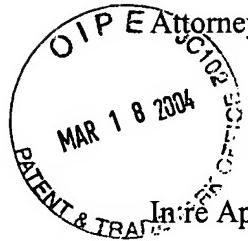
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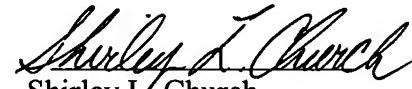
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Applicants' Amendment "C" was submitted to Examiner Barreca on December 3, 2003. In an Advisory Action mailed January 6, 2004, the Examiner indicated that applicants' previously submitted Amendment "C" would not be entered, as it raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. In response, applicants are submitting this Request for Continued Examination and an Amendment "D".

Applicants have authorized the Commissioner to charge the fees due for filing the present Request for Continued Examination in the Transmittal Letter which accompanies this Request.

Respectfully Submitted,



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AMENDMENT "D"

**Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment "D" is in response to the Advisory Action mailed January 6, 2004. This Amendment "D" is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

Claims 1 - 28 are pending in the application.

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Claims 1, 10, 11, and 13 - 16 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,143,476, to Ye et al.

Claims 1, 10, 12 - 15, 17, and 22 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,515,984, to Yokoyama.

Claims 22, 23, and 25 - 28 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,004,882, to Kim et al.

Claims 12 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al.

Claims 2 - 5 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al., as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,046,113, to Hong et al.

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al., in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,456,675, to Anderson, Jr. et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,948,570, to Kornblit et al.

Claims 6, 9, and 18 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al., as applied to Claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,591,671, to Kim et al.

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al., in view of Hong et al., as applied to Claims 2 or 4, and further in view of Kim et al.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al., in view of Anderson, Jr. et al. and Kornblit et al., as applied to Claim 19, and further in view of Kim et al.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ye et al., in view of Anderson, Jr. et al. and Kornblit et al., as applied to Claim 19, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,613,296, to Kurino et al.

Please amend the application as follows.